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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the action dated September 3, 2002, be extended for two months to and including December 3, 2002.

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